Melanorosauridae

The **Melanorosauridae** were a family of sauropodomorph dinosaurs which lived during the Late Triassic and Early Jurassic. The name Melanorosauridae was first coined by Friedrich von Huene in 1929. Huene assigned several families of dinosaurs to the infraorder "Prosauropoda": the Anchisauridae, the Plateosauridae, the Thecodontosauridae, and the Melanorosauridae. Since then, these families have undergone numerous revisions. Galton and Upchurch (2004) considered *Camelotia*, *Lessemsaurus*, and *Melanorosaurus* members of the family Melanorosauridae. A more recent study by Yates (2007) indicates that the melanorosaurids were instead early sauropods.

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Temporal range: Triassic-Jurassic, 228–189.6 Ma

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Life depiction of *Melanorosaurus*

Scientific classification

Kingdom:	Animalia
Phylum:	Chordata
Clade:	Dinosauria
Clade:	Saurischia
Suborder:	†Sauropodomorpha
Clade:	†Anchisauria
Family:	†Melanorosauridae von Huene, 1929

Genera

- †*Camelotia*
- †*Melanorosaurus*
- †*Meroktenos*

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